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MICHAEL WHOLEY ET AL. : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
Serial No.: 09/809,468 : MEDICAL DEVICE FOR ASPIRATION  
Filing Date: March 15, 2001 : OF THROMBOEMBOLIC DEBRIS  
Group Art Unit: 3765 : Attorney Docket No. 180431-00015

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

July 3, 2002

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Please enter the following amendment. Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a marked-up version of the specification.

**In the Specification**

On page 1, please amend lines 4-6 as follows:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application  
Serial No. 60/190,513, filed March 20, 2000.

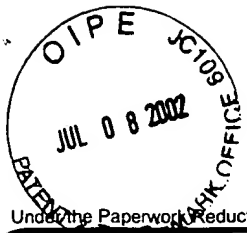
**REMARKS**

This amendment changes the Cross Reference section of the specification to indicate that the correct filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/190,513 is March 20, 2000, not March 15, 2000 as previously stated.

Applicants respectfully request the USPTO to update its records to reflect the corrected provisional application filing date.

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